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Information From State Commission On Aging

Broadened coverage under Medicare will be available after January 1, John T. Sweeny, Executive Secretary of the Massachusetts Commission on Aging, reminded the Bay State's older population today.

"After New Year's Day, those enrolled in the Medicare Hospital Insurance Plan will be eligible for the newest post-hospital benefit called 'extended care,' and we hope our elderly citizens will keep this in mind," Sweeny said.

"This service will be provided in extended care facilities which meet requirements established by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. These nursing homes and other establishments, approved for participation in the program, will offer up to 100 days of skilled nursing service following hospital stays. The first 20 days of extended care will be entirely covered by Hospital Insurance, while the patient will pay \$5. a day for an additional 80 days, if necessary," he explained.

"Let me make it clear, however, that a Medicare patient eligible for such care must have been hospitalized for a period of at least three days not more than 14

days previous to his or her admission to a nursing home. The need for such treatment must be certified by a physician who recommends admission for convalescence or improvement.

"The patient's extended treatment must be for the condition (Continued on Page 8)

Free Holiday Coffee On Mass. Turnpike

Free coffee will be available for all motorists on the Massachusetts Turnpike on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, Chairman John T. Driscoll announced today.

"This practice was initiated on New Year's Eve five years ago as a safety measure," the Chairman said, "and the results have proved most satisfactory. Three years ago the plan was expanded to include Christmas Eve as well as New Year's Eve and the Turnpike Authority is pleased to announce that coffee will be available on both dates again this year."

As motorists pick up their toll tickets upon entering the Massachusetts Turnpike, they will be given also the following invitation signed by Chairman Driscoll and Howard B. Johnson, President of the Howard D. Johnson Company that operates the eight restaurants along the Turnpike:

"You are cordially invited to stop and enjoy free coffee at the Howard Johnson restaurants on the Massachusetts Turnpike from 10 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 24, to 7 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 25, and from 10 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 31, to 7 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 1, 1967. Please drive carefully on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and throughout 1967."

Carl Novak To Train As A.F. Specialist



SAN ANTONIO—Airman Carl P. Novak, son of Mrs. Valeria M. Novak of 1171 Main St., Agawam, has been selected for training at Indiana University, as an Air Force language specialist.

The airman, a 1964 graduate of Agawam High School, recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Airman Novak attended American International College in Springfield, Mass.

His father, Edward J. Novak, is assigned to Ramey AFB, P. R.

YMCA Announce Winter Program

James Pease, chairman of the Agawam Community Y.M.C.A.'s Youth Program Committee, announced this week that plans for three winter programs have been completed.

The Little Fellas and Gals Gym Class for boys and girls in grades 1-6 will be conducted at the High School gymnasium on Saturday mornings from 10:30-12 noon. Harry Leonardi will be the instructor. This is a physical education program designed to ac-

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Hammond Files Bill On Interest Charges

WESTFIELD — Merchants would be prohibited from charging interest on the unpaid balance of charge accounts until the account was 90 days old under the terms of a bill filed by State Senator George D. Hammond of Westfield.

"This is an injustice if I ever saw one," Senator Hammond said. "People are being forced to pay interest at the rate of 18 percent a year to the businessmen they are supporting by buying their products. Eighteen percent is a pretty good return, and the figure can go even higher when the interest becomes part of the account and the customer pays interest on interest."

"These merchants aren't in the lending business; we have banks for that. They are merchandisers, and as such they have got to accept the fact that some people do not always pay their bills on time. They have got to realize

Stigmatine Fathers Announce Special Women's Retreat

The Stigmatine Fathers of Waltham announce a special retreat for widows and separated women to be held from Dec. 30 to Jan. 1st.

These retreats, given here over the past few years, have proven to be most satisfying for widows and separated women. The weekend gives these women an opportunity to better understand themselves in their unwanted roles by sharing their concerns with one another and with God.

For further information, write or call—Rev. Retreat Director, Espousal Retreat House, 554 Lexington Street, Waltham, Mass., 02154. Telephone: 899-1342.

that accounts receivable are a part of doing business."

"Merchants who charge interest on charge account balances are in my opinion working an undue hardship on the buying public."

"Senator Hammond said the phrase "service charge" is generally used by stores in the imposition of the additional payment, "but it is simply interest at the rate of 18 percent a year."

The Hampden-Berkshire District legislator said that in most cases, and in those brought to attention by people in his district, "there is no specific contract for the payment of this interest."

"Some stores have sent out letters to their customers informing them of the interest that would be added. Others simply begin adding the charge to the bills that they send their customers."

"I reiterate, this is unfair to the people. The merchandise has been sold at a profit, and this should be accepted with satisfaction by the merchant."

Senator Hammond said he has received many requests from customers asking him to take legislative action against this interest rate practice.



Merry Christmas



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CHURCH NEWS

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Mrs. Frank Merchant, Organist
and Choir Director
Mrs. Barbara Briggs, Church
Secretary

Thursday—6:30 p.m. Choralier
Choir rehearse at church; 7:45
p.m. Senior Choir rehearse at
church.

Saturday—11 p.m. Annual
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
in the sanctuary... Pastor
will preach and the Senior Choir
will sing—Everyone is invited to
this service.

Sunday—10:30 a.m. One Morning
Worship Service—Rev. Lock-
hart will preach morning worship
service... Special Christmas
music will be provided by the
choir. Pastor will talk with chil-
dren. There will be no Church
School classes.

Tuesday—7 p.m. Celestial
Choir rehearse at church.

Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
and 7 to 9 p.m. Trading Post
open; 7:30 p.m. Visiting Com-
mittee meet at church.

Thursday—6:30 p.m. Choralier
Choir rehearse at church; 7:45
p.m. Senior Choir rehearse at
church.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,
Minister of Music

Friday—7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
Choir rehearsal; No Pastor's
Class; No Boy Scouts.

Saturday—No Choir rehearsals;
11 p.m. Christmas Eve Service in
the Parish Hall.

Sunday—10 a.m. Church Service
in the Parish Hall; Cantata by
the Sanctuary Choir "Child of
Heaven" by Wilson; No Church
School Classes—Adult supervision
for Nursery and Kindergarten in
the downstairs of the Parish Hall.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m. Senior High
Choir rehearsal.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.
Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Pastor
Mrs. Frederick Nardi, Organist

Friday—6 p.m. Christmas Party
for children grade 3 and under,
sponsored by the Junior High
Pilgrim Fellowship and Advisors
in the Social Halls.

Saturday—7:30 p.m. Christmas
Eve Candlelight Service. All are
welcome.

Sunday—11 a.m. Christmas
Day Worship. There will be no
Church School or Youth Meetings
this day.

Wednesday—7 to 8:30 p.m. An
informal welcome at the parson-
age for college students on vaca-
tion; 7 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 585
meeting. Since this is the first
meeting of the new pack all par-
ents involved are especially urged
to support it.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS

Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.

Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.

Daily Mass: 7 a.m.
Holy Day Masses: 7, 8 a.m.
and 6, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Confessions

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30
a.m. Masses.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous
Medal Novena Devotions.

Wednesday—7 p.m. Boy Scouts
meet.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar

Thursday—7 p.m. Boy Scout
Troop #79 meets at parish hall.

Friday—3:15 p.m. Junior
choir practice at Church.

Saturday—7 p.m. Special chil-
dren's service of lessons and car-
ols; 11:30 p.m. Christmas mid-

night Choral Eucharist. Special
anthem by choir, the lighting of
gospel... Festival Christmas
service.

Sunday—Christmas Day 8 and
10 a.m. Holy Communion.

Monday—2:15 p.m. Girl scouts
in the parish hall.

Wednesday—7:30 p.m. Senior
choir at church.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Dominic A. Ruscetta,
CSS Rector

Rev. Samuel Fayad, CSS

Saturday—4:50 p.m. and
7:30 and 8:30 p.m. confessions.

Mass Schedule

Sundays: 7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 7 a.m.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. St. An-
THONY Devotions.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce

Rev. Albert Blanchard

Thursday—7:30 to 9 p.m. Con-
fessions.

Friday—4 to 5 p.m. Confes-
sions.

Saturday—4 to 5:45 p.m. and
7:30 to 9 p.m. Confessions; 12
sharp, MIDNIGHT MASS...
please no children.

MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Day—Masses same
as Sunday.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous
Medal Novena Devotions.

ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass—7 a.m.

Saturday—8 a.m. Mass—4:30
and 7:30 Confessions.

Sunday—7, 8:30 and 10 a.m.
Mass.

Tuesday—7 p.m. St. Theresa

Novena Devotions.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister

Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director

Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist

Mrs. Richard Orr,
Church Secretary

Sunday—10 a.m. Worship Ser-
vice at Old Storrowton Church,
West Springfield, Eastern States
Exposition Grounds.

Wednesday—7:30 p.m. Choir
rehearsal.

Some early American Indian
tribes cremated their dead.



Christmas Dinner of the 19th Century

Oysters On The

Half Shell

Game Soup

Boiled White Fish

Roast Goose

(or Turkey)

Boiled Potatoes

Mashed Turnips

Stewed Onions

Boiled Rice

Lobster Salad

Christmas

Plum Pudding

Mince Pie

Orange Jelly

Delicate Cakes

Salted Almonds

Confectionery

Fruits

Coffee

plus assorted aperitifs, wines, liqueurs, etc.

Giving Thanks ... Dates Back

In ancient Biblical times the
Israelites set aside a period of
great rejoicing and solemn cere-
monies to give thanks to God. It
is called the Feast of Tabernacles,
or Succoth, and is observed each
fall by the Jews.

The ancient Greeks also had
a day of thanksgiving known as
the Feast of Demeter, in honor
of the goddess of the harvest. The
Romans had a similar celebration
called Ceralia.

In England, and many of the
countries of Europe, it was cus-
tomary from earliest times to
hold feasts and celebrations when
there was plenty of food and no
ravaging disease which often
plagued the land.

A day of thanksgiving was also
celebrated in various countries of
Asia. The Siamese had a "Swing
Festival" that is very similar to
our day of thanksgiving. The
Chinese and Japanese both cele-
brate harvest or moon festivals.

Love is a flower.



Send
yours
for
Christmas.

"BY TELEFLORA SERVICE" — Arrangements, Poinsettias,
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Agawam

Janet De Mont Engaged To Lt. Carl W. Myllymaki



MISS JANET LEE DE MONT

Mr. and Mrs. Norbert J. De Mont of 90 Albert St., Agawam, and Weekapaug, R. I., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Janet Lee, to Lt. Carl William Myllymaki, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Myllymaki, Jr., of 66 Summer St., Westerly, R. I. The wedding has been set for Feb. 18.

Miss DeMont, graduate of Agawam High School, attended Regis College in Weston, Mass., and is presently a senior at American International College in Springfield, majoring in elementary education. She is secretary of Alpha Chi National Honor Society and President of Alpha Iota Gamma Sorority. She now has a permanent teaching position in the Southwick, Mass., school system.

Lt. Myllymaki was educated in the Westerly schools, Wester-

ly, R. I., Dean Junior College, Franklin, Mass., University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R. I., where he received a Bachelor of Science degree, and Springfield College for a Master's degree in Physical Education. At the University of Rhode Island he was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. In August, 1966, Mr. Myllymaki entered the Marine Corps Officer Candidate School and was commissioned Lieutenant in October. He is now completing his Basic School Training in Quantico, Virginia.

Hard-cooked eggs, so handy for hurry-up meals and after-school snacks, are easier to peel by following these directions: (1) crackle the shell, (2) roll the egg between your hands to loosen the shell (3) peel while holding under running cold water.



Christmas is here again and to
all our friends we wish a Holiday
filled with great joy and good health.

STATION WWLP – CHANNEL 22

Provin Mountain



The annual Christmas meeting of the Agawam Lions Club was held last night at Caesar's Lounge under co-chairmen Joe Ferraro and Jim Votsakis, and a real roast beef dinner with all the fixings was enjoyed. Rev. Floyd Bryan of the Agawam Congregational Church and Rev. James Shea of the Sacred Heart Church spoke on "What Christmas Should Mean." Tom Rutherford and his quartet led carol singing, also entertained with many musical selections.

At the previous meeting, four new members were admitted: Anthony DeMatos, Albert Mandrioli, Thomas Russo, Jr., and Ches-



We wish you the Gift
of joy this Christmastide.

**Toomey
Funeral Home**
1065 Westfield Street
West Springfield

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ter Nicora, Jr.

At the last Board of Directors meeting, an Administrative Committee was appointed to take charge of the property at the Eastern States Exposition: Tom Vella for 3 years, Henry McGowan, 2 years, and Dave Marshall, 1 year.

\$300 was voted as a donation towards the purchase of jackets for the High School football team.

Chairman Dave Marshall of the Boys and Girls Committee has made arrangements with Riverside Roller Skating Rink to have a skating party for children in grades 1 to 6 with an admittance charge of only 25 cents. Specific date will be announced

later to be held during the Christmas vacation. This committee has many more plans in the works for town youngsters.

Next meeting will be Jan. 4 at the Agawam Congregational Church Hall, with Mr. Emil Faubert of the Central YMCA as the guest speaker.

A joint meeting will be held with the West Springfield Club at Shaker Farms Country Club on Feb. 21.

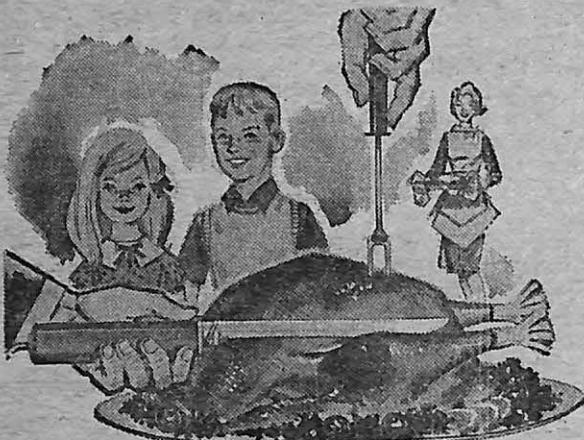
The Agawam Lions Club wishes all a happy Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

The idea of gift-wrapping came to the United States less than 60 years ago.

AGAWAM PUBLIC MARKET 768 MAIN STREET

Open 7 A.M. to 6 P.M.—Open Fri. Nites

Merry Christmas



GRADE "A"—20 - 24 LBS.

TURKEYS

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LEGS and THIGHS	1 lb. 12 oz. \$1.69
BREASTS	1 lb. 6 oz. \$1.55
PARTY PACK	1 lb. 12 oz. \$1.39

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CHICKEN BREAST ROLL

1/2 lb. 69c

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SWEET LIFE

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NAPKINS

2 cans 15c

1-lb. pkg. 49c

250 ct. pkg. 29c

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MISS MUFFET—SLICED—SAVE 17c

STRAWBERRIES

SWEET LIFE—FRENCH OR CUT—SAVE 35c

GREEN BEANS

3 pkgs. \$1

6 pkgs. \$1

Double United Stamps Wednesday

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Learn From Santa Claus

Again at Christmastime, the United States is at war and the thought of peace on earth, good will toward men seems as much of a dream as ever. But nevertheless, Christmas is a day of family gatherings and good cheer, a period when we seek to be helpful to the afflicted and less fortunate.

But above all, Christmas is a time for the children. It is a great mystery of life to them. Fortunate are those who can believe in Santa Claus for a few years. What a thrill it is for them to go to bed looking forward to the morning when they will find a stocking filled with presents and candy and a Christmas tree shining with light. Just the smell of such a Christmas morning is something that stays through life. Doubly fortunate is the child whose stocking hangs in front of a fireplace on Christmas morning.

The visit of the unseen Santa means more than just gifts. It causes even the children to think of the less fortunate and to share their blessings with others.

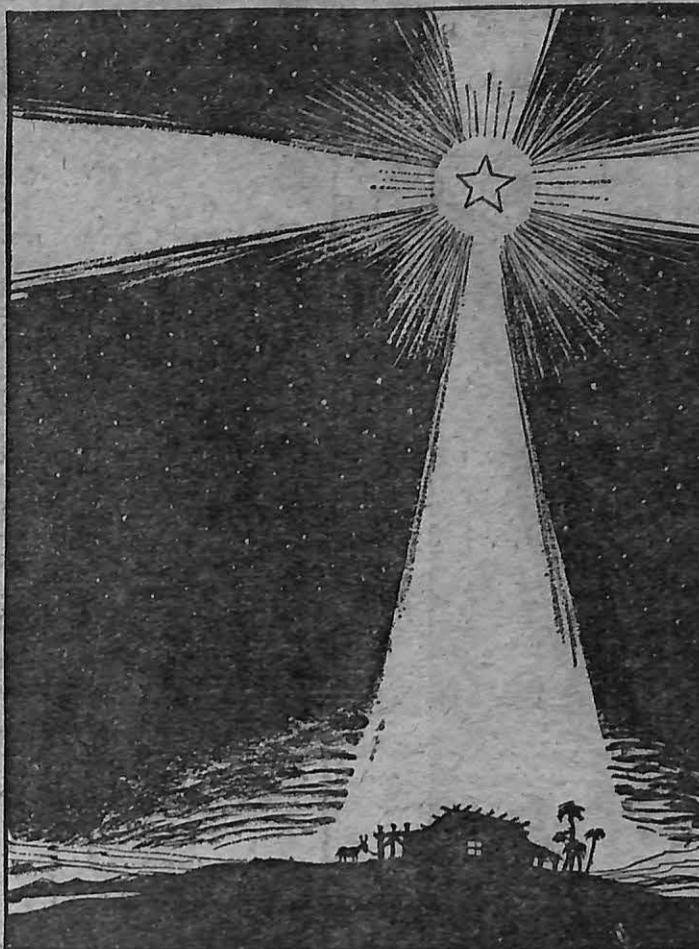
Christmas dinner with family and friends is a never to be forgotten occasion for young and old alike. So as you enjoy it this year in your home, think of the countless millions over the world, who are not so blessed and resolve to do your best to make Santa Claus a reality for someone. In the meantime, if you gain humility from the good fortune that is yours, Santa Claus will not have called in vain.



and
Best Wishes
for a Merry Christmas.

**SELECTMAN and MRS.
ED. CONNELLY**

NO HOLLY—NO TINSEL



Christmas 1966

The traditions of Christmas—the tree with its lights, tinsel and decorations, the holly wreath on the door, the mistletoe and the colorful collection of Christmas packages, all contribute to the Spirit of Christmas.

It is a time of year when old acquaintances are renewed—a time for family reunions.

Sometimes in our effort to make this a bigger and better Christmas, we are inclined to let the material things of life overshadow the most festive holiday of the Christian world.

Let us pause and reflect on its true meaning—and in our mind's eye go back to the first Christmas—the birth of the Christ child in a stable in Bethlehem. Just what message should we draw from this momentous event? It conveys a dual message, as a famous clergyman once said, "The family that prays together, stays together," and it also in a dramatic way points out the attribute of humility.

And when man is on the threshold of nearly a half-million mile round trip to the moon, one should conjure the thought that a woman traveling 65 miles on the back of a donkey made the most significant trip of all time.



Jack & Harry's Service Station
820 Springfield Street Feeding Hills

Little Known Facts About Christmas

Queen Elizabeth I "pulled rank" at Christmas effectively: her courtiers were expected to replenish her wardrobe. In fact, ladies of the Court presented her with the first silk stockings worn in Europe.

During the heyday of clipper ships, in the 19th century, American seamen used to bring their families rare and costly presents gathered from the Orient: spices, silks, china and teakwood. Appropriately enough, St. Nicholas was the patron saint of sailors as well as children.

While American youngsters are putting their gifts under the tree, Slavic children go to sleep on a bed of straw and hay on Christmas eve, to share in Christ's humble birth.

On St. Nicholas Eve, Dutch children fill their wood shoes with straw for Old St. Nick's white horse, hoping to have them filled in turn with candy and toys. In Italy, children set out their shoes for the female Santa Claus, La Befana, to fill with gifts. Central American children enjoy the piñata game: an earthen ware jug is filled with candy and a child is allowed three tries to break the piñata with a bat—when he does, the candies are shared by all.

Children owe a vote of thanks to King Henry VII of England, who popularized gift-giving in this part of the world. The joy of that night, when the sweet-smelling gifts somehow magically appear is immortalized for children of all ages in a poem written in 1822 by Dr. Clement C. Moore, a Presbyterian divinity professor: it begins, "T'was the night before Christmas..."

A turkish towel pinned over the table end of your sewing machine is a great help when working with slippery material.



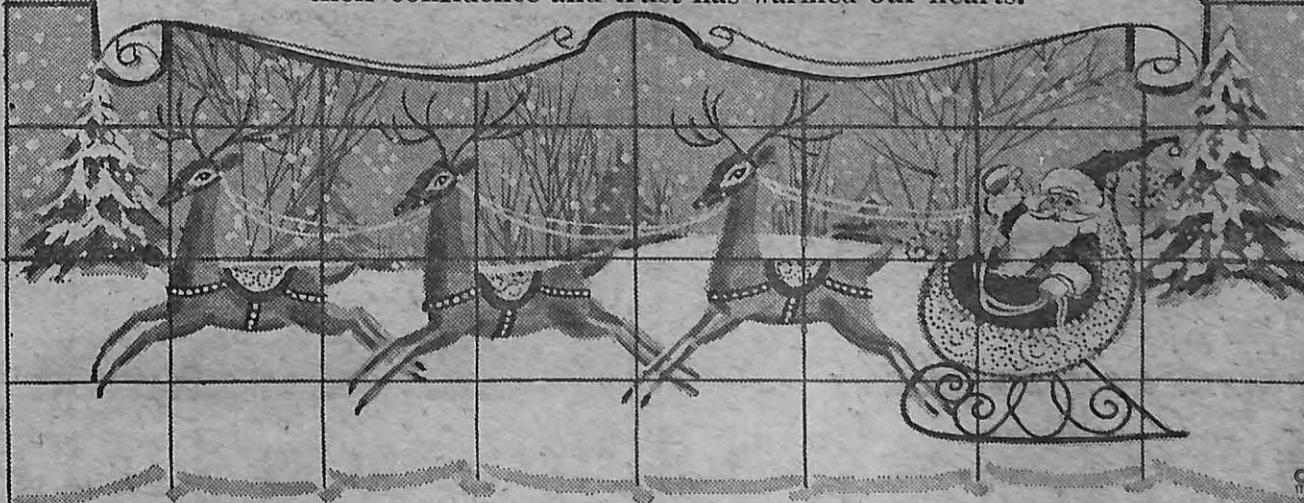
May the many blessings
of Christmas
be with you throughout
this Holiday Season.



**DE PALMA
MOTOR SALES**
959 Springfield St.
Feeding Hills

Christmas Greetings

Here's hoping Santa brings a sleigh full of Chirstmas
cheer to warm the hearts and hearths of all our good friends, as
their confidence and trust has warmed our hearts.



CHRISCOLA'S FARM EQUIPMENT

Suffield Street

Agawam

On Going To College

A Series of Articles Dealing With
Sources of Financial Aid for College-Bound Persons

By A. J. PHAIR

The costs of going to college in America today are almost double that of ten years ago—and in some cases more than double. What will the costs of a college education be in the not-too-distant future. Definitely more, you can be sure of that. Why bother about going to college in the first place? A volume might answer that question adequately let it suffice to say, there is more than ample evidence available from such sources as the Office of Education and the research centers in many of America's leading institutions of higher education which indicate quite clearly that college graduates can expect to earn about \$200,000 more in their lifetime than a person who terminated his education at the high school level. It is self-evident, therefore, that the greatest investment to be made in life is a good education such as that provided by an institution of higher learning.

In order to attend college in

Cranberry Has Yule History

Delightfully tangy yet sweet, the cranberry lends a jolly, colorful note to Christmas . . . frequently helping to trim the tree.

Yet the berry we take so for granted has a noble, even a distinguished history. It has consorted with governors and "heads of state," as well as the common man, since America's early beginnings. It has even been served medicinally.

The American cranberry (*Vaccinium macrocarpum*), was used by the Indians when the colonists settled this country. The Indian word for cranberry, *Ibimi*, meant "butter berry." The Colonists saw cranes feeding on this fruit, which grew near water, and they called it crane berry, which in time became cranberry.

Indians made a paste out of the berries and ate it with their dried meat, which they had pounded into a pulp and mixed with hot grease. This pemmican, as they called it, was a highly concentrated food that could be carried for days without spoiling.

Indians also used cranberries as a poultice for blood poisoning . . . They taught the Colonists to eat the cranberries, and because they were so colorful, housewives strung them with popcorn to decorate Christmas trees.

A Revolutionary War veteran, Henry Hall, cleared a swamp and started cultivating cranberries back in 1816. Today there are many such farmers.

America you don't have to be wealthy. Students at some colleges have been known to spend as high as \$10,000 in a single year. Whether or not they had more money than sense is beside the point. However, to expect to get through college today on less than \$2,500 per year is, in most instances, expecting too much. The costs of going to college (just to name a few) include: tuition, books, room and board, laundry, incidental fees and expenses, some recreation and costs for necessary transportation, etc. all of which add up to a tidy sum. If you happen to live at home during your college years your expenses may be much less; though there is seldom a good substitute for the academic atmosphere provided by actually living in at the college itself. In many cases, today's college-bound persons refuse to burden their families with added expenses and look to other means of attaining their college goals. Bank loans, grants-in-aid, summer work and scholarships are merely a few of the avenues open to the serious student in search of aid to go to college.

There are numerous sources of financial aid available, many will be discussed in this column in the near future. Many scholarships and direct-grants-in-aid are often left unclaimed year after year.

Further information about financial aid for college-bound persons may be obtained by sending a long envelope, self-addressed and stamped to: United Scholars' Bureau of Educational Services, P. O. Box 1180, Washington, D.C. 20013.

COOKING HINTS

Stir a little bottled horseradish into canned applesauce and use as a quickly made accompaniment for roast turkey or chicken. This sauce is also good with pork chops or roast pork.

* * *

Chop sweet onion and fresh sweet red pepper (or canned pimento) very fine and add to an oil and vinegar dressing to be used on tossed green salad.

* * *

When you have canned chow mein noodles left over, put them in a small jar, cover them tightly, and store in the refrigerator. Heat briefly in the oven before serving as a garnish for practically any creamed dish.

One-half cup of ammonia added to a tub of hot sudsy water will help remove hard-to-wash stains from table linens.

POST #185 CO-CHAIRMEN



Chairmen for the recent smorgasbord and dance held at the Wilson Thompson Post #185 are pictured above: Mrs. Pauline Brown and George Gillan. See story on page 7.

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Non-Alcoholic Eggnog

1/3 cup sugar
2 eggs separated
1/4 tsp. salt
4 cups milk, scalded
1 tsp. vanilla or 2 tbsp. non-alcoholic sherry
3 tbsp. sugar
1 cup heavy cream
powdered nutmeg

Beat 1/3 cup sugar into egg yolks in upper part of double boiler. Add salt. Stir milk in slowly. Cook over hot, but not boiling, water until mixture coats spoon. Stir constantly. Let cool. Add vanilla or sherry.

Beat egg whites until foamy. Gradually add the 3 tablespoons of sugar, beating until soft peaks form. Fold this meringue into the custard and mix thoroughly. Chill in refrigerator 3 to 4 hours in covered serving bowl.

To serve, dot top with sweetened whipped cream and light

sprinkling of nutmeg. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

When washing windows, add a few drops of bluing and kerosene to sudsy water. Rinse and polish with crumpled newspapers or a lint-free cloth.



CHRISTMAS TIME

As the Christmas bells gladden your heart, we wish you a Happy Holiday.



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Here is sentiment genuinely felt... May joy, health and happiness be yours this Christmas

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By Bill Chiba

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The book is available at your sports, book, news dealer or department store or \$4.95 prepaid from the Gun Digest Association, 227 West Washington St., Chicago, Ill. 60606.

TENSION RELAXER

According to golf editor Mark Mulvoy in Sports Illustrated for Sept. 26, 1966, the well known golfers Billy Casper and Jack Nicklaus were sitting at a table during the recent World Series of Golf discussing the serious strain of golf competition (neither of them won)—and agreeing on a suitable therapy to frayed nerves, as follows:

NICKLAUS: "Once a fellow plays three tournaments in a row he wants to . . ."

CASPER: "Go fishing."

NICKLAUS: "That's right." And, according to Mulvoy, the two golf pros followed their own prescription during the last week of September. Casper went fishing in the Pacific Northwest and Nicklaus tried his angling skill in Florida waters.

Moreover, Jack Nicklaus believes so strongly in the merits of sport fishing that he is serving as a Trustee of the Sport Fishery Research Foundation, 719 Thirteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

A BARGAIN

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Game suggests that you give your man a ticket to 12 months of healthy outdoor recreation: a brand new 1967

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GIFT IDEA

There's a curious thing about men who shoot, hunt, fish or play golf. Much of their pleasure from these sports comes from their "before and after" tale swapping. And, perhaps even more, from their reputation with the boys at the shop or club for being an expert on their favorite sport.

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ALA Bill Would Abolish Compulsory Insurance

The Automobile Legal Association (ALA) has refiled its bill to abolish Massachusetts' controversial compulsory auto insurance system.

The bill, sponsored by Representative Chandler H. Stevens (I-Bedford), would provide for a financial responsibility law, coupled with an unsatisfied judgment fund, based on the system used in New Jersey.

Similar legislation submitted by the ALA and Governor Volpe failed to win approval in the last session of the General Court.

However, Alphonse W. Query, Jr., ALA's legislative counsel, said chances for passage of such legislation in the next session were "much brighter."

Query, who drafted the ALA measure, said that the auto insurance companies' latest request for higher rates has "rallied public support behind efforts to abolish the compulsory system."

He noted that 47 states now have a financial responsibility motor vehicle law and that such a law is recommended by the Uniform Vehicle Code, which is sponsored by the National Committee

edited by a super-expert. The illustrations are plentiful and, like the text, lively and instructive.

The Gun, Golfer's Handloader's, Fishermen's Digests and Gun Digest Treasury are at your book, sports, news dealer or department store or postpaid from the Gun Digest Association, 227 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60506. The Gun Digest, \$4.95 . . . Golfer's Digest, \$3.95 . . . Handloader's Digest, \$3.95 . . . Fishermen's Digest, \$3.95 . . . Gun Digest Treasury, \$4.95. All are giant sized 11" x 8 1/2" volumes.

TWO DOZEN DEER

In twelve days of hunting, archers and paraplegics harvested a total of 24 deer from Long Island in Moultonboro, New Hampshire. Archers were given first crack at the island deer during the special open season, and bagged 11 deer in approximately 450 man-days of hunting. They took 7 the first three-day weekend and 4 the second three-day weekend.

On Oct. 29, 30, 31, paraplegics had their chance at the herd. Six deer were taken that first weekend. The following three-day weekend the paraplegics killed 7 deer for a total of 13 deer in about 85 man-days of hunting.

The largest deer killed by the bow and arrow hunters was a buck weighing 203 pounds, wood dressed. The largest kill for the wheelchair hunters was a 206 pound buck, woods dressed.

Officials of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department had hoped for a total kill of 40 deer this year, which would have contributed greatly to bringing the deer population into line with the food available on the island.

BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

on Uniform Traffic Laws and Ordinances.

Under the ALA's proposal, motorists would not be required to have insurance to register an auto if they have not been involved in an accident or been convicted of a serious motor vehicle violation.

Any motorist who is involved in an accident and who does not satisfy claims over \$100 against him would be ruled off the road until such claims are settled.

Persons who cannot collect a judgment against a motorist responsible for an accident would be able to collect from the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund.

The Fund, in which the state and insurance companies would participate, would derive its funds from insurance companies and a slight boost in auto registrations. The registration fee would be boosted \$1 for each insured motorist and between \$15 and \$25 for each uninsured motorist.

Motorists found at fault in an accident would be required to show proof of financial responsibility before being allowed back on the road. This coverage would be \$10,000 for bodily injury or death of one person in a single accident, \$20,000 for bodily injury or death of two or more persons in a single accident, and \$5,000 for damage to property in a single accident.

Thanksgiving

A turkey on Thanksgiving Day Makes the father pay, pay, pay. Everything is so darned dear He's thankful it comes but once a year.

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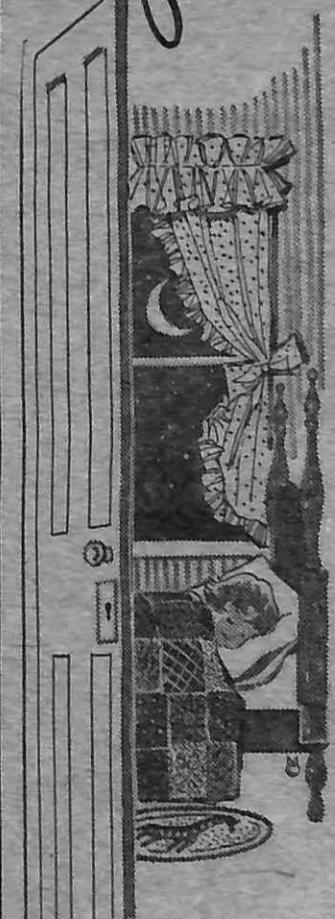


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Two Agawam couples are among the slate of officers recently elected for the coming year by the Pioneer Valley Chapter of the New England Family Campers Association. They are Mr. and Mrs. John Duplessis of 6 Pomeroy St., co-vice presidents; and Mr. and Mrs.

Howard Merchants, Jr., co-treasurers. Shown are, left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ferry of West Springfield, directors; Mr. and Mrs. Luigi Bianco of Suffield, Conn., co-presidents; the Merchants and Mr. Duplessis.

LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS

by Gladys R. Catchepaugh

Although the dense fog last week-end kept many people home, those who attended the Christmas Smorgasbord in the Legion Home on Springfield St. enjoyed an evening of music and dancing, and a 10 o'clock smorgasbord spread. This December smorgasbord and dance is an annual affair, run by the Post for the benefit of their Child Welfare program.

Chairmen for the event are pictured above: George Gillan, Child Welfare chairman of Wilson-Thompson Post #185, and Mrs. Pauline Brown, who heads that program for the Unit.

Membership Efforts Show Effects for 1967

"The members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #185 are making a concerted effort to surpass last year's membership enrollment," Mrs. Jane Whalen, Membership chairman of the Unit said.

"Our women are stressing the patriotic and philanthropic projects of the organization in which all members are expected to participate, opportunity to unite in projects that bring much personal satisfaction to the members as they alleviate suffering and need.

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Holiday Greetings



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And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Luke 2:10

What Is A Tailgater?

By WALTER T. BIELECKI, Assistant Safety Supervisor

Somewhere between the fume-spouting exhaust pipe of the tractor-trailer and the dainty white puff from the Volkswagen, we find a delightful creature known as a tailgater.

Tailgaters come in assorted sizes and shapes—most repulsive. You find them everywhere—but mostly two feet from your rear bumper. Undertakers love them, the driver in front hates them, policemen tolerate them, empty highways frustrate them, nobody can ignore them, and God only knows who protects them.

A tailgater is ignorance with a weapon at its command . . . death with a gleam in its eye . . . stupidity with the power to kill . . . and irresponsibility with a driver's license.

A tailgater has the appetite of Dracula, the energy of a 400-hp engine, the curiosity of an inspector of rear bumpers, the lungs of a stuck automobile horn, the enthusiasm of a horseman chasing Lady Godiva, and the shyness of a fullback three yards from the goal line.

No one else is so familiar with the hospital emergency room or so at home in traffic court. When you're stranded on an empty highway, he roars past with a wave. When you don't want him, he's grinning at you in your rear view mirror. No one else can cram into 20 years of driving four smashed Fords, five smashed Chevies, six smashed Plymouths, two smashed Cadillacs, and one Barracuda knocked off a bridge into the river.

A tailgater is a fabulous creature. You can keep him out of your back seat, but you can't keep out of the wreckage of your trunk. You can charge him higher insurance premiums, but you can't charge him with the murder of his victims. You can suspend his license, but you can't suspend his driving. He's your terror, your shadow, the cause of your cursing, and your constant companion on the road. But when he finally turns off at a tavern, he's a soothing vacant space behind your car, a toothache that's stopped hurting, a feeling of safety in the world.

And when he breaks your neck in a rear-end collision and comes to visit you while you're in traction, he can bring tears to your eyes with those apologetic words: "I don't have any insurance, you know."

Greetings



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Agawam Civic Association
Board of Selectman
Town Administration Building
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The Agawam Civic Association, an organization representing religious, civic and social groups in Agawam, would like to commend the Board of Selectman of the Town of Agawam for their vote regarding the license application of Hullabaloo. We sincerely believe that your rejection of this application reflects a continuing interest in the youth of our community.

The well-being of our children is of prime interest to all parents and members of the community. We heartily concur in your belief that the acceptance of the Hullabaloo application at this time would not have been in the best interests of the town and its youth in particular.

The Agawam Civic Association feels confident that the future of Agawam will remain bright with leaders who exhibit thorough incite, firm conviction and a deep-seated desire to reflect the aspirations and attitudes of the people of Agawam.

Very truly yours,
Carol Miller (Mrs. Wm. J.)
Secretary
Agawam Civic Association

This "Thank You"
Somehow Seems Inadequate . . .
Again this year we want you to know how much we here at the Veterans Administration appreciated the cooperation you and your organization extended us during the past year.

This was indeed a big year for us, what with the new GI Bill and all. Without your help we never could have put out the word to those many thousands of

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veterans and their dependents presently.

So once more, please accept our sincere appreciation for your assistance. May you and yours enjoy the merriest, happiest holiday season ever.

Sincerely,
FRANCIS A. HUNT
Information Service
Representative for
New England

Two weeks is the limit advised by Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies to keep a Christmas tree in the home, otherwise it reaches a dangerous stage of dryness no matter how well it's treated against burning.

AIC RECEIVES

\$2,000 GRANT

American International College has received a \$2,000 grant for unrestricted use from Gulf Oil Corporation. The check was presented to Eliot L. Wight, assistant to the president, and Robert Leavitt, director of development, by Richard M. Denison, district manager of Gulf.

The \$2000 award is one of 150 such awards, totalling \$300,000, that Gulf will distribute this year as unrestricted grants to as many colleges and universities under its Aid-to-Education Program.

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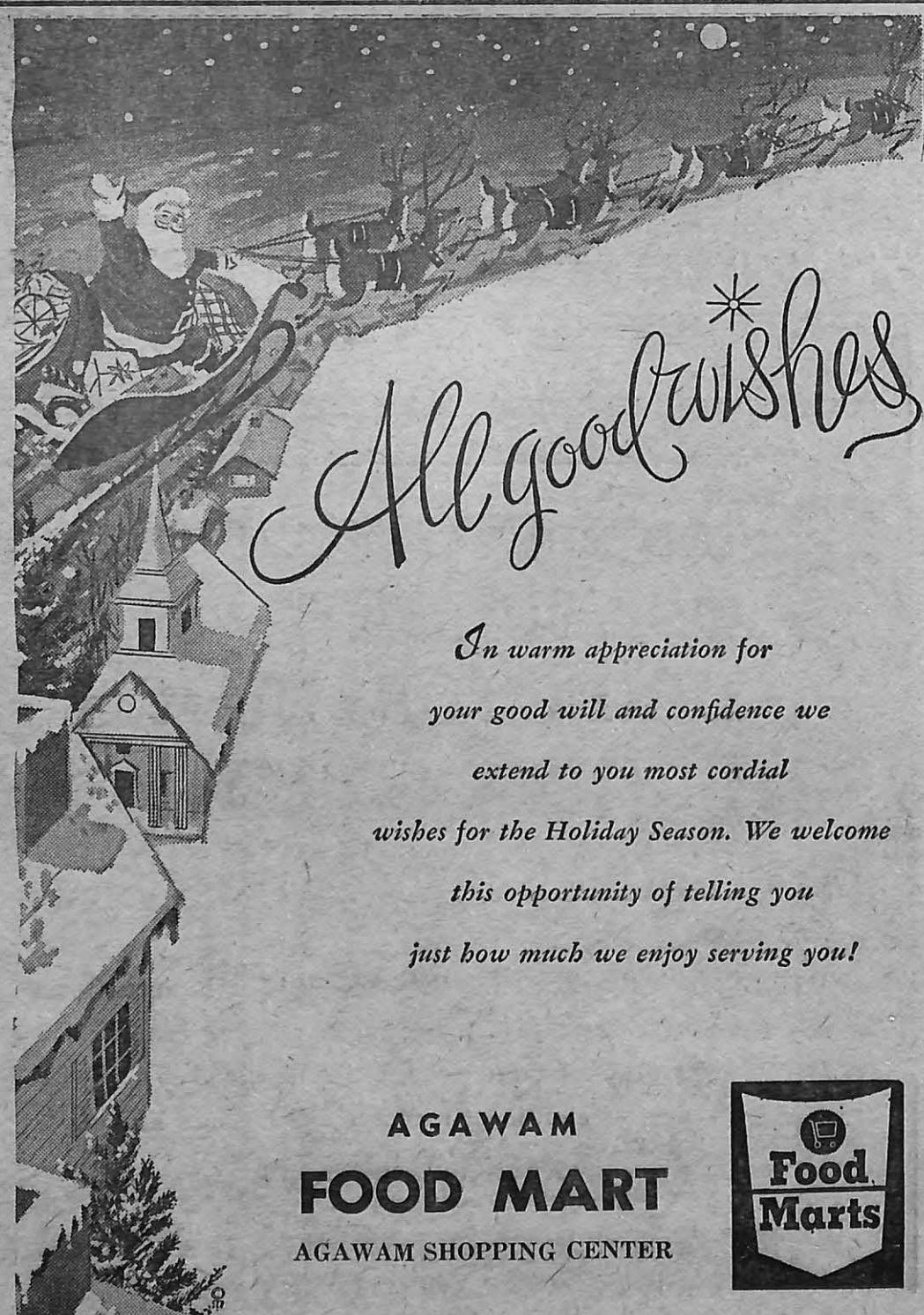
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A delightful legend surrounds the custom of bell-ringing at Christmas. Many years ago, so the story goes, the little town of Losen, Holland, boasted two fine bells that gave forth clear, lovely tones. But one night they mysteriously disappeared.

In vain the townspeople searched for them; then, on Christmas Eve, at the stroke of midnight, the familiar tones rang out.

No one knew where the sound came from but each successive Christmas Eve the bells rang out

Holiday Toast

We wish you Health, and good Fires; Victuals, Drink and good Stomachs, innocent Diversion, and good Company; honest Trading, and good Success; loving Courtship, and good Wives, and lastly a merry CHRISTMAS and a happy NEW YEAR.

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Round The Town

By Ann Nael
phone ST 8-8996

Congratulations . . . to Second Lieutenant Paul Jenney, stationed in Germany, was married there on Saturday, Dec. 10th to Marlies Steffes. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jenney and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Jenney, both of North Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

Robert D. Sullivan of 341 Cooper St., Agawam, was recently elected a board member for the Alpha Sigma Delta Fraternity at American International College.

Word of the activities of a former resident of Agawam, now a "chopper" pilot in Viet Nam, has been received by Edmund Gleason of North St., Feeding Hills.

Joseph Waters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Waters, formerly of Southwick St., Feeding Hills, has been on active duty in Viet Nam. Commissioned a helicopter pilot in March and by Sept. 1 had flown 141 combat hours and secret missions with the special forces. He has received many decorations and commendations for his activities.

Joseph, formerly a member of the Agawam Junior Rifle Club, was a top rifleman. He gives credit to the training received under Mr. Gleason and states "even though a pilot, the rifle is still

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stetson of 693 Suffield St., Agawam, recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Meyer, Jr., of Birch Hill Rd., Agawam, will entertain Mr. Frank J. Meyer, Sr., of South St., Agawam, on Christmas Day.

Mrs. John D. Pond of Main St., Agawam, will be Christmas Day guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Faulkner and family in Twin Brook Circle, Longmeadow.

Favorite Carol

In Austria, "Silent Night" is the favorite carol sung when the family assembles around the tree. Immediately after supper on Christmas Eve, a tinkling bell is rung to signal that the Christ Child has finished decorating the tree.

Candles have long been a part of Christmas. In medieval days, Yule candles, like Yule logs, were of tremendous size. Holes were chiseled in the stone floors to act as holders, and Christmas dinner lasted as long as the candles burned.

St. Nick Was Originally A Turk??

St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra, born in the fifth century in Patara, Turkey, was a living legend during his lifetime because of his love of people and his charities.

Nicknamed fondly Noel Baba, he was known as the saint of virgins, for helping poor and unmarried girls to secure dowries for marriage.

He was also the favorite of seamen. Even pirates respected him because of his uncanny sixth sense about weather.

His bones, believed to have curative powers, were stolen from his tomb here and carried to Bari, Italy, 1087, where they still rest.

Why is St. Nicholas associated with Christmas?

Festivities of St. Nicholas Day, which falls on Dec. 6, used to extend until Christmas time, and were so popular that finally the two were incorporated into one—making St. Nicholas the symbol of Christmas.

The St. Nicholas Festival found its way into the United States with Dutch emigrants and St. Nicholas' name gradually became Santa Claus.

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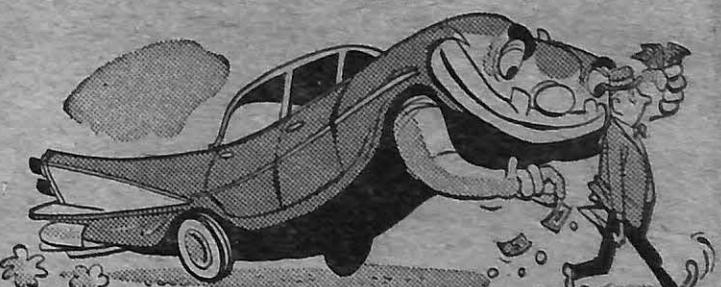
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The Treasury Department says it plans to mint a record 9.5 billion coins this year in its effort to guard against any future shortage and relieve the continuing scarcity of half-dollars.

This year, the department said, the mints at Denver and Philadelphia and the Assay Office at San Francisco will strike 4.7 billion coins bearing a 1966 date.

They have already minted this year 4.6 billion coins bearing the 1965 date plus 250 million 1965 half-dollars containing 90 percent silver. The new half-dollars contain only 40 percent silver.

LEGAL NOTICES

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by LENA L. DEMONT to CHARLES N. PALIOCHA, dated July 28, 1965, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 313A, Page 94, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at 9:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Monday, January 16, 1967, on the Elm Street Steps of the front entrance of the Hampden County Court House, Springfield, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: Two (2) certain parcels of land, one situated in Holyoke, within said County of Hampden, and the other situated in Agawam, in said County of Hampden, bounded and described as follows:

PARCEL ONE:

Being a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Holyoke, in the County of Hampden in said Commonwealth, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a point in the easterly side of High Street, one hundred eighty-four and fifteen (184.5) feet southerly from the southerly side of Appleton Street; thence running

SOUTHWESTERLY on said High Street, forty-eight (48) feet, thence

SOUTHEASTERLY at a right angle to said High Street, eighty-eight (88) feet to the center line of an alley or common passageway, which passageway is sixteen (16) feet wide; thence

NORTHEASTERLY on said center line of said alley and parallel with said High Street, forty-eight (48) feet; thence

NORTHWESTERLY in a straight line, eighty-eight (88) feet to the place of beginning, containing 4224 square feet, more or less.

Together with and subject to rights to use said abovementioned alley or common passageway.

Together with the benefits of and subject to party wall agreements of record with the Holyoke Water Power Company and together with and subject to a right of way and drain rights as set forth in a deed from the Holyoke Water Power Company to James P. Kelly, duly recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Being the same premises conveyed to the within Mortgagor, LENA L. DEMONT, by deed of Joseph L. Valiquette to be recorded herewith.

PARCEL TWO:

The land in said Agawam, bordered and described as follows:

Agawam, in said County, being lot No. seventy-two, (72) and a portion of lot No. seventy-three (73), said portion of lot No. seventy-three (73) being a strip of land twenty-five (25) feet in width and being the easterly twenty-five (25) foot portion of said lot No. seventy-three (73) and adjacent to said lot No. seventy-two (72), said lots are shown on plan of lots known as "Plan of Ridgewood" recorded with Hampden County Deeds, Book of Plans V, Page 15, said land being more particularly described as follows:

NORTHERLY by Albert Street, one hundred (100) feet; EASTERLY by Lot No. seventy-one (71) as shown on said plan, one hundred two and 77/100 (102.77) feet; SOUTHERLY by land of owner unknown, one hundred (100) feet; and WESTERLY by the remaining fifty (50) feet portion of lot No. seventy-three (73) on said plan, one hundred two and 77/100 (102.77) feet.

Subject to pole and wire rights to Western Massachusetts Electric Company by instrument dated September 2, 1947, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 1894, Page 122.

Subject also to the provisions of a highway taking by the Town of Agawam dated March 29, 1951, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 2106, Page 484.

Being the same premises conveyed to me (LENA L. DEMONT) by deed of John P. Lodi and Nata-Lina M. Lodi by deed dated December 8, 1951 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 2151, Page 107.

The property will be sold subject to outstanding tax titles, municipal or public taxes, assessments and liens, if any.

Terms of sale: \$5000.00 required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as earnest money. Delivery of deed to be taken and balance of purchase price to be paid at the offices of Gilbert W. Baron, Attorney, 95 State Street, Springfield, Massachusetts, within five days after entry of Final Decree by the Hampden County Superior Court.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

CHARLES N. PALIOCHA
By GILBERT W. BARON
Gilbert W. Baron, his Attorney
Present Holder of said Mortgage
Gilbert W. Baron, Esq.
95 State Street
Springfield, Mass.
(Dec. 22-29, Jan. 5)

Holiday Spirit At AHS



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Holiday Driving Leave Car Home

The month of December is usually the most devastating period of the entire year on our highways. It is not hard to understand why. The extended hours of darkness, fast heavy holiday travel, slippery roads, parties and drinking—all add up inevitably to tragic automobile accidents.

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Richard M. McLaughlin said today that the closing days of the year threaten to be the worst in Massachusetts' history of highway deaths.

The Registrar said: "Certainly no one would dispute the right to make merry during the holidays and, if people wish to do so, their right to drink. No one, however, has any right to drink and to drive. It is criminal to drive while under the influence of liquor."

McLaughlin said: "We must

somehow register this message, this imperative, in the deepest consciousness and realization of our drivers. They cannot—must not—get behind the wheel after drinking. If people are going to drink they should plan on using public transportation—either bus, train or taxicab. Leave the car at home where it belongs!"

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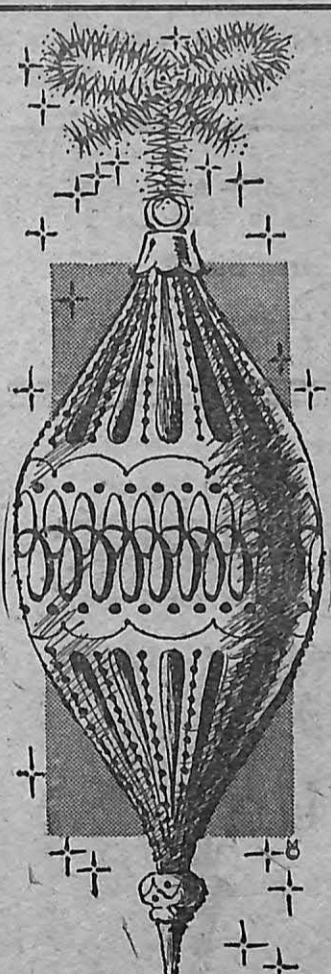
A smile is such a funny thing;
It wrinkles up your face,
And when it's gone you never
find
Its secret hiding place.

But far more wonderful it is
To see what smiles can do;
You smile at one, he smiles at
you.
And so one smile makes two.

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much
By cheering hearts of care,
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The fact is that the drugs are there when needed because of the never-ending costly research and development carried on by major drug firms. More than a million dollars is being spent every day by the pharmaceutical industry to discover and perfect new prescription drugs. A recent survey shows that nearly \$400 million will actually be expended in 1966.

As the president of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association points out, "So costly is industry research and development that on the average more than \$5 million in such costs is behind each new drug discovery of the past decade." In the past ten years, the industry has expended more than \$2.1 billion resulting in the introduction of 372 new single chemical and biological entities as drug products.

Research is the answer to why so-called miracle drugs have been able to relieve pain and prolong life in millions of cases. Tragically, at the present time, there are growing indications that research and development in the United States has been slowed by proliferating red tape and regulations that quite probably may cost more lives than they save, because of the "drug" that isn't there."



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By June and Elmer Roosa

Ho-Ho Hello.

Now is the time when all square dancers and everyone else is probably thinking more about the hearth and home fires than of whirling about on the dance floor. There are no dances scheduled for the next couple of weeks for us Promenaders and that is as we planned it.

At this point, the kids from three to ninety-three are putting all their efforts and wishes into making this the merriest Christmas there has ever been. It isn't going to work out quite that well for a great many of our young men who will not be home for the holidays, though. Here's hoping all the packages will find their way to them on time and in good shape. Our prayers for their safety will not have to wait for the mail though, so keep sending them along.

As we have mentioned previously, there is going to be a

New Look to our dances in the New Year! We will be having a number of joint dances with a lively bunch of folks whose club is younger than our own, but whose members are so full of good cheer, enthusiasm, pep and friendliness that we can't help but have a wonderful time dancing in their company.

The Stumbler Squares and the Promenaders will take turns hosting, so roughly half of the dances will be held in Granger School and the rest at our own hall at Robinson Park School. Keep watching this space and we will keep you informed as to the actual dates and details.

Now, gotta get back to trimming the tree, so a *VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL*, and we hope your stocking holds all you hoped for.

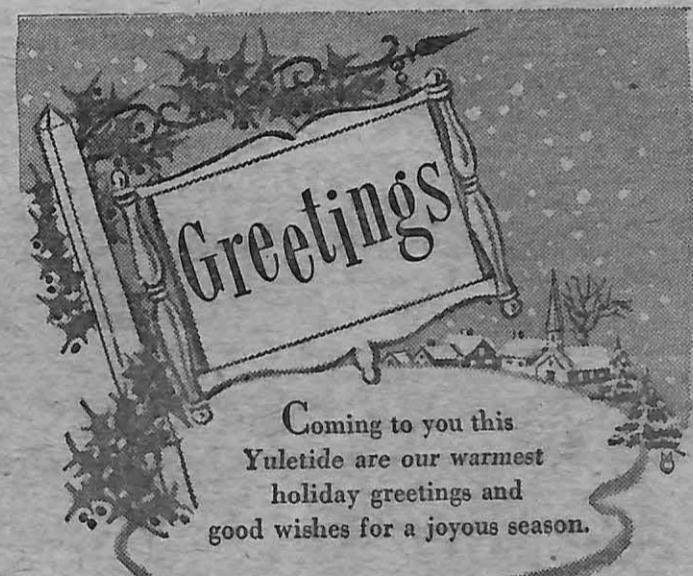
**Barber Caught
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Tuy Hoa, Vietnam

The generals might not agree, but to the United States 4th Infantry soldiers who had been in the field for more than a month the guerrilla was one of the most important ones they had captured.

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Jo-Ann Della-Giustina

Enthusiasm is high for the upcoming operetta, "Oklahoma." Recently, tryouts were held. Because of the interested students, the tryouts had to be held on two days. For this reason, the teachers selecting the cast had a difficult time deciding, and all roles but the leaders are double cast.

Holly Gibson, a very active senior, has been chosen for the lead, Laurie. Playing opposite Holly, is Glenn Tozco, also a senior. Among the double casted are Garma Meyer and Jan Bryan in the role of Ado Annie. Garma will be in the production on Thursday and Saturday night, and Jan on Friday night. Greg Orr and Don Bragg were chosen for the role of Will. Aunt Eller will be performed by Dory Major and Julie James. Ali Hackim will be played by Mike Connolly and Ralph Johnson. Bill Barker, who was chosen as runner-up best actor in the Interclass Play Competition, shares the role of Jud with Ron Kozlowski. Cindy Coburn and Peggy Case, both seniors, play the role of Gertie. Ike will be played by John Scherpa and Fred Corigg, and the Carnes will be portrayed by Bob Reynolds and Fred Artuso.

Rehearsals are beginning for the dancers as well as the cast. Over 80 girls are interested in this area of the production. Again this year, Dominique, of the Dominique School of Dance, is the choreographer. Miss Greenburg, a teacher at the high school, is aiding in the dance rehearsals. Try-outs will be held soon for the dancers, and regular rehearsals for the show will begin.

With the enthusiasm shown so far for this production, it should be as good as, or even better than, last year's operetta, "The Music Man," which was a huge success.

KID PARTY

Tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, little girls in pink dresses with little boys hugging teddy bears will enter the cafeteria to attend

the annual Senior Kid Party. Holly Gibson and Jim Ramah, the general chairmen, have been busy in past weeks preparing for this party. Other committee chairmen are: Decorations—Gail Begley; Tickets and Invitations—Nancy Wiley; Refreshments—Terry Pietroniro; Publicity—Jo Ann Dal Molin; Clean-up—Linda Kovalchik.

Santa Claus will arrive with gifts for each boy and girl who attends the senior party.

SPORTS

The first AHS hockey game, as well as the first AHS basketball game, was played against Commerce in an independent game. At the coliseum, the Brownies defeated the Raiders, 2-0 in an outstanding game.

Last week-end, Agawam played Chicopee in the first game of a double-header at West Side High School. The game was fast-moving and exciting, but Agawam lost by a close margin of 64-62. Saturday night, Agawam again played the first game of a double-header, this time against West Side in the Chicopee High School gym. For the second time this year, Agawam defeated the Terriers, 79-46. Give all your support to the AHS teams, and let's hope they keep their record as good as it is now!!

COMING EVENTS: Dancing try-outs for the operetta will be held soon!! . . . College Boards time is approaching!! Operetta rehearsals are starting!! . . . League basketball and hockey games start next month!! . . . MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

Swedish Celebration

Christmas in Sweden is actually the celebration of St. Lucia—and held on December 13th. On this day the oldest girl in each family rises early, dons a long white dress and crowns herself with lighted candles. Then she wakes the family and serves coffee and cake.

Star of the East

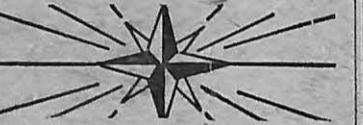
Bishop Reginald Heber (1783-1861)

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning!
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid!
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid!

Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all!

Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.



Keep 'Em Flying

Moscow

Some Siberian villagers have to take a plane if they want a bath, a Soviet newspaper complained.

The paper, Selskaya Zhizn (Rural Life), said the two public baths in the village of Vitim in the Yakutsk area of Siberia are reserved for officials and employees of the airport and timber plant. The remainder of the 4,000 residents, the paper said, have to go to the airport and fly to a nearby town for a bath.

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White, Jr. Aboard CGC Chincoteague

U S C G C CHINCOTEAGUE (FHTNC) — Fireman Lyman F. White, Jr., USCG, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman F. White of 20 Royal St., Agawam, is currently deployed to the Atlantic Ocean Weather Station "Delta" aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Chincoteague, operating out of Norfolk, Va.

An ocean station vessel, the cutter rotates with other cutters, standing month-long watches at sea performing a multi-purpose task.

On station, as part of the U. S. contribution to the International Civil Aviation Organization, the vessel collects weather data for

use by transoceanic flights, and provides a navigational check-point for aircraft by confirming positions through radar "fixes" and sending radio beacon navigational signals.

Her other duties include scientific studies of the ocean, which includes taking water samples, wave measurements and collecting samples of microscopic plant life for the Coast Guard Oceanographic Unit in Washington, D. C.

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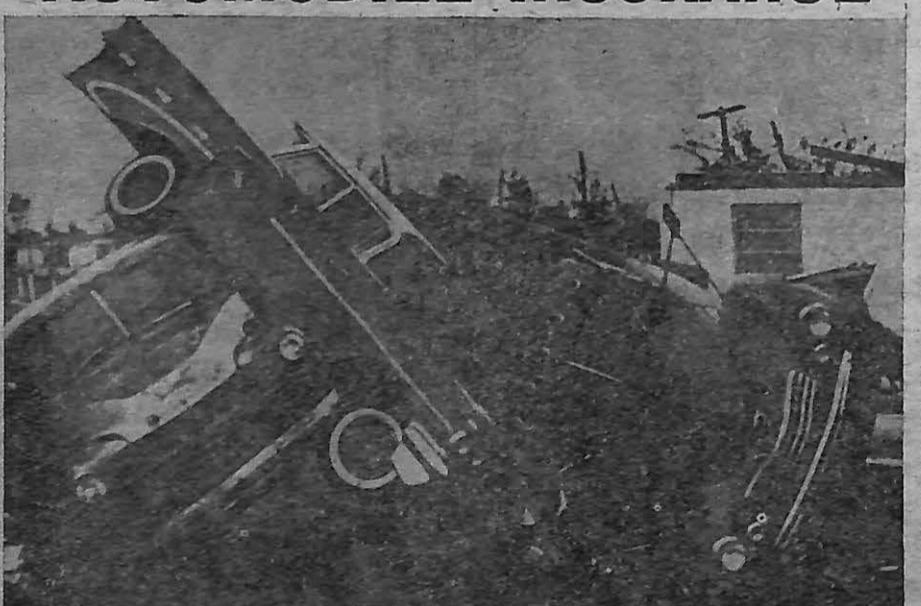
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Golf in January will be the theme for many local residents as the annual series of seven-week indoor golf classes begins at the Community YMCA on January 17. All classes will be taught by Mickey Cotela, popular professional at Elmcrest Country Club in East Longmeadow and registered PGA instructor. This will be the fourth year that Mr. Cotela has taught classes at the West Springfield YMCA.

Both group instruction with practice balls and individual instruction using live balls in the YMCA indoor cage will be featured, and students will be allowed use of the golf cage at any time during the seven-weeks of each course. For those who do not have their own clubs, the YMCA will furnish equipment.

Eight separate classes are scheduled as follows with two classes each evening. Tuesdays, Jan. 17 - Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. and 8:15; Thursdays, Feb. 2 - March 16, 7 p.m. and 8:15; Tuesdays, March 7 - April 18, 7 p.m. and 8:15; and Thursdays, March 23 - May 4, 7 p.m. and 8:15.

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The Scandinavian feast of Winter Solstice was observed by the kindling of huge bonfires to the god Thor. In England the Yule Log was burned amidst great noise and song.

Christmas Comes But Once A Year

God grant ye joy this Christmas day,
May every heart be jolly;
Love kiss ye now beneath the bough
Of mistletoe and holly.
The long hard year of toil is done,
To-day the bells are ringing,
Put down your burdens every one
And share the carol singing.

For Christmas comes but once a year,
When harvesting is ended;
With merry din, the day comes in,
By love and mirth attended;
The children dance and shout with glee,
The eyes of all are beaming,
And high above the Christmas tree
The Star of Hope is gleaming.

So homeward turn the car once more,
And give a kiss to mother,
Let horn and bell the glad news tell
Of each returning brother;
For man has conquered time and space,
Regardless of the weather,
And Christmas Day, by God's good grace,
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ROUTE 6

Tuesday, Dec. 27 — DePalma, Doane Ave., Edgewater Rd., Franklin Street Ext., Garden, Gunn-Gerry Lane, Memorial Dr., Mountainview, Phil, Poplar, Porter Dr., Shoemaker Lane, Silver, Silver Lake Dr., Suffield and Vaudnais St.

ROUTE 7

Tuesday, Dec. 27 — Althea Cir., Anthony, Belle, Centre, Clematis Dr., Colonial Ave., Cooper, Elsie, Fairview, Federal Ave., Federal, Federal Street Ext., Harvey Johnson Dr., Karen Dr., Ley, Poinsetta, Potomac Pl., Prince Lane, Reed, Samuel, Senator Ave., Stanley Pl., Valentine, Valentine Street Ext., Vernon, Virginia, Washington, Westford Cir., and Woodsire Dr.

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Wednesday, Dec. 28 — Adams, Allen, Birchill Rd., Carr Ave., Cosgrove Ave., Elm, Emerson, Haskell, Henshaw Ave., Kanawa Ave., Lealand Ave., Main, Mardale Ave., Nile Ave., Oxford, Parker, Perry Lane, Raymond Cir., Ridge Ave., Riverside Ave., Riverview Ave., Ruskin Ave., South, South Park Ter., Stewart Lane, Sunnyslope Ave., Thirlmere Ave., Veranda Ave., Woodcliffe Ave. and Wright St.

ROUTE 9

Thursday, Dec. 29 — Albert, Alhambra Cir., Barney, Central, Corey, Editha Ave., Edward, Elbert Rd., Ellison Ave., Frank, Hunt, James Ave., John, Joseph, Kirkland, Liberty Ave., Maple Ave., Meadow, Meadow Ave., Monroe, Pomeroy, River Rd., School, Seymour Ave., Sterling Rd., Sunrise Ter., Willard Ave., and Wyman Ave.

First Yule Tree

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Director of Veterans Services



The Veterans Administration today warned veterans and dependents of deceased veterans on VA nonservice-connected pension rolls that they run the risk of having their monthly payments discontinued if they fail to return the income questionnaire forms mailed with the November pension checks.

They may even have to pay back the money received in 1966, VA said.

They must return the income questionnaire by Jan. 31, 1967.

The VA is required by law to obtain this income report each year because pensions are paid only to those whose incomes from other sources are below certain limits.

The VA asks that the card not be folded or mutilated because it must run through automatic data processing machines.

Assistance in completing the questionnaires may be obtained at the Veterans Administration Contact Division, Room E-116, John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Government Center, Boston, Agawam Town Hall VA Office, and the VA Office, 1200 Main St., Springfield, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or at the local VA office, contact David Gallano, Veterans Agent, at Town Hall, Main St., Agawam.



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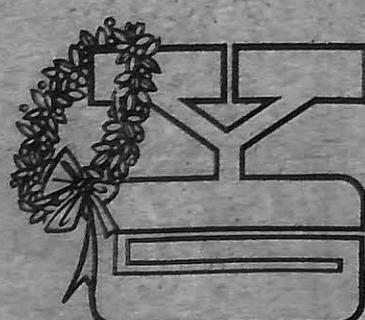
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Christmas Is Summer Holiday — 'Down Under'

In sweltering Sydney, Australia, the temperature hovers around 90 degrees, but Santa Claus manfully endures red flannel and ersatz ermine . . . in air-conditioned stores.

Although the climate resists the traditional seven-course Christmas dinner, the frosted effects on tree and window, the youngsters won't let the oldsters relax. They want the whole "package" and they get it.

Christmas trees are everywhere. Shops spray imitation frosting on show windows.

The tradition of following the old traditions is a tradition in itself. Australia was colonized by convicts. "They were people who didn't want to be here, half a world from their homes," explains a government official. "The best thing they could do was to try to make the country as much like the old country as possible. They started by following the old customs."

Today the waves of immigrants settling the continent may come willingly but Christmas can bring nostalgia.

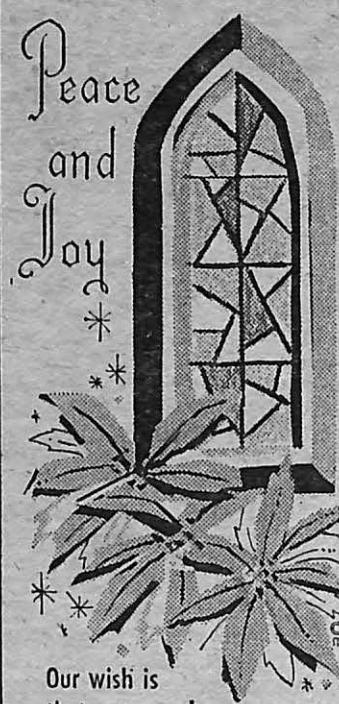
Oddly, the customs followed are more American than British or other origin. It's Santa Claus the children write to, not Father Christmas. And grumbling housewives slave over roasting turkey, not goose. "Of course," notes a London radio writer, "the British themselves are adopting the American customs, so it's not surprising the Australians are, too."

But more and more Australians are maintaining that the country should have its own traditions. "Christmas here is a summer holiday like your Fourth of July," says Mrs. Ford. "We should count our blessings — one winter is enough."

So, perhaps, in the same mood as Hawaiians at the Yule season, Australians may one day come

around to celebrating Christmas in a more practical fashion . . . with light, cooling meals nonetheless festive . . . and in light, cooling raiment akin to the season only in joyous color.

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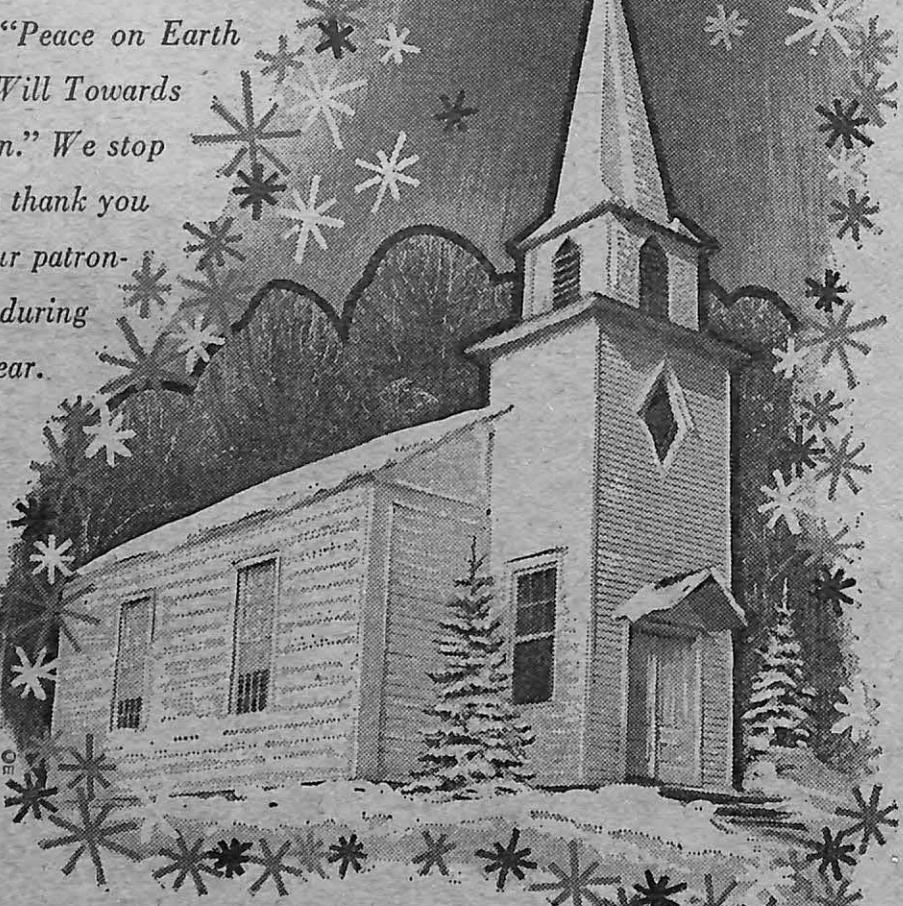


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on Christmas Morn, stop to
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Men." We stop
now to thank you
for your patron-
age during
the year.

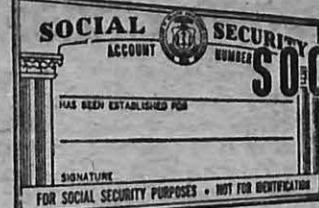


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Q. If my doctor says I can go home from the hospital before I have used up the 90 days, will my hospital insurance continue to pay for my care if I want to stay in the hospital a few more days?

A. No. Hospital insurance covers only those services that are medically necessary. Your doctor would need to certify that the hospital services are required before Medicare can make payment. The law also requires participating hospitals to have a utilization review committee made up of physicians and other professional people. This committee reviews hospital stays at various times, and in some cases may discuss with the doctor whether there is further need for hospital care. These provisions are not intended to deprive anyone of needed care, but to encourage the most effective use of hospital facilities by keeping down unnecessary hospital care.

Q. What kinds of treatments would be given during a home health care visit?

A. Part-time or intermittent nursing services, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, and other related home health services furnished by visiting nurse agencies, hospital-based home health programs, and similar agencies. The services might be provided by a registered nurse, a physical therapist, or a home health aide, who performs much the same services as a nurse's aide in a hospital, such as giving bed baths to ill and bedfast patients.

Q. Who will decide what home health care services an elderly person needs?

A. In almost every case, it would be his own physician. Under both the basic plan of hospital insurance and the supplementary health insurance plan, it is the person's doctor who decides when his patient needs care, the type of care he needs, and when he should go home or be transferred to an extended care facility. In the case of home health care visits, a physician would develop the plan for his home health care.

Q. How much of my medical bills will the supplementary medical insurance plan cover?

A. You pay the first \$50 of your total bills for the year for doctors' visits, surgeons' fees, and other services covered in the supplemental plan. After that, the plan pays 80 percent and you pay the remaining 20 percent.

Q. What types of doctors' bills are covered?

A. Bills for home and office visits and visits paid to you in a hospital or other institution, also surgeons' and consultation fees are covered.

Q. My father is getting social security benefits. I enlisted in the armed forces at 17 and was discharged after serving two years. I plan on finishing high school. Can I draw benefits on my father's social security?

A. Yes. If you are a full-time student under 22 and unmarried, you may draw social security benefits.

Q. I am 19 years old and a freshman in college. My father

has just now become eligible for social security benefits. Can I qualify for benefits even though I was not entitled before I was 18?

A. Yes. If you were already over 18 but not yet 22, and unmarried, you may be eligible for social security benefits now.

Q. I was drawing social security benefits as my mother's social security until I was 18. Will I qualify for social security?

A. Yes. If you are a full-time under 22, and unmarried, you should visit your nearest social security office and file an application. The Springfield Social Security Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The office is located at 891 State Street, Springfield, Mass.

Q. Under what conditions are the hospital outpatient diagnostic services provided?

A. Suppose your doctor wanted you to have certain X-rays, laboratory, or other tests made to help him make his diagnosis. He could send you to the hospital to have these tests as an outpatient—not admitted to stay over night. You would pay a deductible of \$20 toward the cost of the series of tests made in a 20-day period and 20 percent of any cost above \$20. (The \$20 deductible you paid for these outpatient diagnostic services could count toward your \$50 deductible under your medical insurance.)

Q. Does a person have to be housebound to get the home health care visits?

A. Yes, except that he could be taken to the hospital or other facility for special treatments with equipment that could not be brought to his home—hydrotherapy baths, for example.

Q. My doctor says that I will have to pay his bill first, before I collect from Medicare. Is this true?

A. Medicare provides two methods for the payment of doctor bills. It is up to the doctor and the patient to agree as to which method of payment will be used. Under one method, the doctor can bill you and have you send in the claim with his receipted bill; or he can agree to send in the claim, get reimbursed for the part covered by Medicare, and bill you for the remainder. Under either method, Medicare will pay 80 percent of the reasonable charges—to the patient, if the patient has sent in the claim and the receipted itemized doctor bill—to the doctor, if the doctor has sent in the claim.

The only difference in the two methods is that if the doctor sends in the claim, he must agree that his full charge to the patient, will not be higher than what is determined to be the reasonable charge for the services. He will then collect from the patient the remaining 20 percent of the reasonable charge and any amount of the \$50 deductible still owing him.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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REAL ESTATE**
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by L & M Builders, Inc. to Union Federal Savings and Loan Association dated May 12, 1965 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 3111, Page 206, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at public auction at ten o'clock A.M. on the 16th day of January, A.D. 1967, on Lot #2 described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

"the land with the buildings thereon situated in Agawam, in the County of Hampden and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described in three parcels as follows:

PARCEL 1:

Being known and designated as Lot #9 (nine) as shown on a plan of lots entitled "Plan of Land At: Cherry Street, Agawam, Mass. Date: August, 1964 Scale: 1"=40' Smith & Wallen Engineering Company Inc. 602 White St. Springfield, Mass." recorded in the Registry of Deeds for said County of Hampden in Book of Plans 96, Page 108, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

WESTERLY by Cherry Street, One Hundred Twenty-five and 0/10 (125.0) feet;

NORTHERLY by Lot #10 (ten) as shown on said plan, One Hundred Fifty-five and 0/10 (155.02) feet;

NORTHEASTERLY by Lot #13 (thirteen) as shown on said plan, One Hundred Twenty-five and 0/10 (125.0) feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY by Lot #14 (fourteen) as shown on said plan, Fifty and 0/10 (50.0) feet; and

SOUTHERLY by Lot #8 (eight) as shown on said plan, One Hundred Ninety-six and 96/100 (196.96) feet.

SUBJECT to Rights of American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts under instrument dated December 16, 1965 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 691, Page 406, if applicable.

SUBJECT to Rights of Turners Falls Power & Electric Company under instrument dated June 5, 1917 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 979, Page 327, if applicable.

SUBJECT to Rights of Western Massachusetts Electric Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company under instrument dated October 27, 1952 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 2206, Page 238.

TOGETHER with and subject to the right to use Cherry St. and Colemore St. as public streets in common with others having the right to use the same.

SUBJECT to Rights of Western Massachusetts Electric Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company under instrument dated October 29, 1963 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 2989, Page 166.

SUBJECT to a 10 (ten) foot wide drainage easement as shown on said plan.

PARCEL 2:

Being known and designated as Lot #10 (ten) as shown on a plan of lots recorded in the Registry of Deeds for said County of Hampden in Book of Plans 90, pages 112 to 115 inclusive, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

WESTERLY by Cherry Street, One Hundred Twenty-five and 0/10 (125.0) feet;

NORTHERLY by Lot #11 (eleven) as shown on said plan, One Hundred and 0/10 (100.0) feet;

EASTERLY by Lot #12 (twelve) as shown on said plan, One Hundred Seventy-five and 68/100 (175.68) feet; and

SOUTHERLY by Lot #9 (nine) as shown on said plan, One Hundred Fifty-five and 0/10 (155.02) feet.

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PARCEL 3:

Being known and designated as Lot #2 (two) as shown on a plan of lots recorded in the Registry of Deeds in said County of Hampden in Book of Plans 90, Pages 112 to 115, inclusive, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

EASTERLY by Cherry Street, Two Hundred and 0/10 (200.0) feet;

SOUTHERLY by Lot #3 (three) as shown on said plan, One Hundred eleven and 68/100 (111.68) feet;

WESTERLY by land now or formerly of Richard H. and Alberta P. Abbey, and land now or formerly of Erich W. and Helen C. Daubitz, and land now or formerly of Francis and Shirley Payeur. One Hundred eighty-two and 84/100 (182.84) feet; and

NORTHERLY by land now or formerly of Albert E. & Bessie M. Farrows and by Lot #1 (one) as shown on said plan, One Hundred twenty-seven and 43/100 (127.43) feet.

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BEING part of the premises conveyed to it by deed from Raymond F. Lucia et ux dated October 3, 1963 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 2985, Page 58; see also deed from Leonard E. Langevin et al dated September 28, 1963 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 2985, Page 57.

Including as a part of the realty all portable or sectional buildings, heating apparatus, plumbing, ranges, mantels, storm doors and windows, oil burners, gas and oil and electric fixtures, screens, screen doors, awnings, electric and gas refrigerators, air conditioning apparatus, and other fixtures of whatever kind and nature, on said premises, or hereafter placed thereon prior to the full payment and discharge of this mortgage, insofar as the same are or can be by agreement of the parties be made a part of the realty."

Excepting there from said Parcels 1 and 2, being Lots #9 (nine) and #10 (ten) which were released from the aforesaid mortgage by partial releases dated respectively December 31, 1965 and July 12, 1966 and recorded respectively in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 3163, Page 344 and Book 3199, Page 247.

The above premises will be sold subject to all outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, or liens, if any.

One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale as earnest money; the balance to be paid in cash on delivery of the deed and the deed to be delivered at the time of entry of the Final Decree of the Superior Court for Hampden County approving the sale; other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Poinsettia America's Favorite Yule Flower

America's favorite Christmas bloom is the brilliant poinsettia. The scarlet blooms, which have become the very symbol of the Yule season, ranked number one in a recent florists' survey.

Named for Joel R. Poinsett of South Carolina, the magnificent plant is surrounded by legend. One describes a poor child who wished to give a gift to the Virgin and was heartbroken because she had nothing of value or beauty to present. As she approached the Mother of Jesus, in despera-

tion she plucked some of the scrawny flowers at her feet. As she did so, the flowers were transfigured into the scarlet brilliance of the poinsettia.

Holly Discovered by the Pilgrims

Holly, which has grown in America for hundreds of years, is considered a universal herald of the holidays. The leaves and berries are valued purely for their decorative effect, yet as far back as the Druids, holly was considered magic against evil spirits. It was also an important ingredient of primitive medicines used to cure everything from colic to broken bones.

Greenery on the Bough

When you admire an arrangement of greens and holly, you may take pleasure in reflecting that the wreath still means, as it did in Roman days, that good wishes and esteem are entwined in the leaves. Romans decked their halls with greens at weddings, and this custom is now the basis for the use of scented greenery used in homes and churches at Christmas.

The symbolism of the familiar Christmas tree, on the other hand, stems from the tree worship of the Druids. Yet there is a belief that the first Yule tree was a palm brought from Egypt, the 12 parts of the palm signifying the 12 apostles.

Our present-day pine Christmas tree was introduced to England when Queen Victoria married Prince Albert. Wishing to please her husband, Victoria commanded that a green pine be brought to the palace each year to be decorated as it would be in Germany, Albert's homeland.

Other Favorites

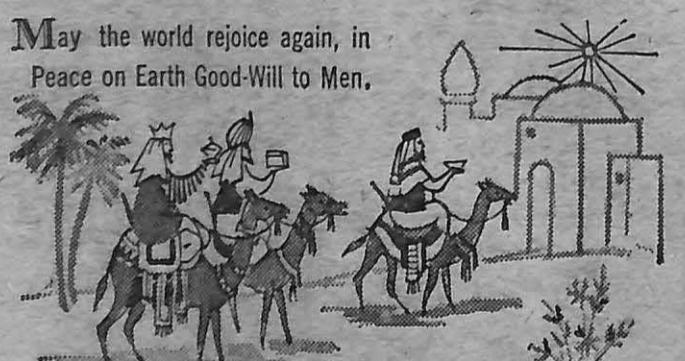
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'Yes, Virginia', Editor's Classic Answer Lives...

"Dear Editor — Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus..."

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in

fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus but, even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



Merry Christmas

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Separate eggs. Beat yolks in large bowl in which nog will be served. Add sugar, still beating. Stir in milk and cream. Pour brandy into this mixture very slowly, stirring to mix. Taste for sweetness and add more sugar if needed.

Cover and let stand in refrigerator one or two hours. Just before serving, beat whites of egg stiff and mix into the nog. Makes about 2 1/2 quarts, 20 or more servings.

It is part of human nature to think wise things and do ridiculous ones—A. France.

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Gift Exchange American Idea

Americans are famous the world over for their generosity toward other peoples, other nations. It seems only fitting that they for the most part originated the gift-exchange idea at Christmas.

In many parts of Europe Christmas is strictly a religious

day. Gift-giving does not "intrude" on the solemn traditions. Gift-giving as such dates back to the Roman Emperors from about 27 B.C. to 363 A.D. Everyone sent the Emperor gifts at the start of the New Year. Later the Romans brought this custom into their own lives, among the "common" people. As the Roman culture spread throughout Europe, so did their new custom.

The ancient Chinese also celebrated the New Year by exchanging gifts; they introduced gift wrapping and paper honeycomb.

But Christmas gift-exchange seems to have begun in the U.S.

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Christmas Safety Tips

Make a wise choice when selecting your Christmas tree. Choose a small tree instead of a large one. A small tree can be just as pretty and it's less of a hazard.

Evergreen, cedar, balsam or pine. Keep the tree outdoors until you are ready to install it.

Remember, your tree will look the freshest if you don't install it until just before Christmas.

Radiator heat isn't good for trees. Put the tree in the coolest part of the room, away from radiators, heaters and fireplaces.

You should stand the tree in water to retard drying. Care should be used in selecting decorations. Use fireproof decorations of glass or metal, never cotton or paper unless they are fireproof.

Hint for father and junior: Don't set up electric trains around or near the tree.

Regarding tree lighting, use electric lights — never candles. Inspect every electric socket and wire to make sure set is in good condition. Discard lighting sets with frayed wiring. When buying new sets, look for tag or label showing listing by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

Incidentally, provide a switch at some distance from the tree for turning lights on and off.

Should you desire to save some of your gift wrappings, fold them neatly for later use. Other gift wrappings should be discarded safely and promptly after presents are opened.

This is important: Don't leave Christmas decoration lights burning when away from home.

Make an inspection of the tree from time to time to see whether any of the needles near the lights have started to turn brown. If so, change the position of the lights.

And when needles start falling, take the tree down and discard it outdoors.

Stick to these rules and keep Christmas merry.

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This year, why not try to make your holidays different by going back to the fundamental reason for Christmas: to celebrate the birthday of the Infant Jesus, who came down to earth to save men's souls. Why not think of Him this year and plan your celebration to include family worship and attendance at church.

And if you have children, there is no present you could give more lasting and vital, than to resolve to offer them the gift of faith this year.

Start by pointing out to the family that Christmas began as a religious feast. It is literally

Christ's mass, when all the Christian world celebrates the birth of the Saviour in the stable at Bethlehem. You might get one of the beautifully illustrated children's books about the Infant Jesus and read it aloud to the family. It's a story that one never grows tired of hearing. You might tell the children, that in the same way that the Magi brought gifts and adored the Lord, you will all go to church and bestow your gifts of prayers and hymns at His feet on Christmas morning.

CELERY CURLS

To make celery curls, use the inner stalks of celery, cutting each one three or four inches long. Cut each piece into thin strips, stopping one inch from the end. Chill in ice water to curl.

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It seems that in the town where the "first" Saint Nicholas lived, there was a merchant who had three daughters who were not married. In those days, the 4th century, a maiden had to have a dowry before she could marry. And the merchant was bankrupt.

Nicholas, who was then a boy, heard of their plight. He went to the house late one night and dropped three bags of gold down the chimney. They fell into the girls' stockings which were hanging by the fireplace to dry.

The gold was enough for the girls' dowry so they were married and lived happily ever after taking care of their poor father as well.

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Player Pianos Are Back In Style

New York

According to J. Lawrence Cook, the "good old days" are back and better than ever. Mr. Cook has devoted 45 years to piano rolls and back in the 1920's when he first got involved, such devotion didn't seem nearly so giddy as it seems now.

In the '20's, the music-roll industry, coupled with the making and selling of player pianos for them, employed thousands of workers. In the United States alone, there were at least 100 skilled musicians like Mr. Cook, who arranged music for the rolls and cut them. They made good incomes creating the master rolls from which thousands of copies were made.

But developments in radio and motion pictures and the advent of the gigantic phonograph-record business put an end to the piano-roll business, especially during the depression.

As a young man in the business, he was a fine pianist and had taught himself harmony and composition. Hence he knew his music-making, and even after the companies for which he had worked had closed he continued to create his rolls. His customers were collectors and player-piano buffs who kept their beloved instruments in fine repair. Mr. Cook worked in a basement workshop at home, over the years supplying an occasional "J. Lawrence Cook" selection to his small stream of steady customers. He made his living, however, working for the New York Post Office.

In recent years, when his part of the music business began reviving, Mr. Cook retired with a pension from the postal service, and set to work full-time for the Aeolian Corporation, the world's largest makers of pianos and the company that brought back the player piano.

Through his long career, Mr. Cook estimates he has arranged some 20,000 songs of every style; classical works, religious music, folk and pop tunes, nostalgic favorites, show tunes, all in the unmistakable player-piano rinky-tink arrangements that sound as if four or more hands were sweeping the keys.

That Mr. Cook knows the music business, too, is evidenced by sales records of his rolls. This year Aeolian will produce almost a quarter of a million rolls to meet the demand, and several thousand player pianos, owing to the new taste for their sound.

The sound is not always the rinky-tink beloved by fans. J. Lawrence Cook belongs to a tradition of piano-playing much older than he; before phonograph records developed in the contemporary sense, piano rolls were recorded by such artists as Paderewski, George Gershwin, Stravinsky, Artur Rubinstein, Ravel, Busoni, Myra Hess, Prokofiev. Master copies of these rolls still exist, and are of incalculable value. The best way to hear them is not recorded on discs, but on piano rolls.

Because Mr. Cook has kept alive the tradition, and has provided many a contemporary innovation in player-piano recording and manufacturing techniques, it will soon be possible to hear these great artists performing works and to observe the keys of one's own piano responding to their touch.



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Grecian Christmas Customs Combine West, East Tradition

There are two Christmases in Greece; the Athenian Western Christmas and the Greek Christmas in the Eastern tradition.

The expensive, luxury celebration of upper-class Athens, with decorated Christmas trees, turkey on the table, all-night dancing in night spots, and presents for the youngsters.

And the devout celebration of the villages, with roast pork the traditional fare and the exchange of presents — postponed until the New Year, after Easter the greatest holiday on the Greek calendar.

Difference is a matter of a few miles on a train, but of decades in time.

A village Christmas — which thousands of Athenians seek to enjoy each year, either by visiting relatives or by going on excursions and hoping to find accommodation in a hotel — is still a time of mingled solemnity in the church and festivity in the home.

Usually, there's either a late night Christmas Eve or dawn Christmas day service in the church, attended by the overwhelming majority of the villagers. The Christmas dinner is a ceremony enjoyed at home with the family, whenever possible with all the family reunited. The

fare is traditionally roast pork, rarely turkey.

Killing of the Christmas pig, which even the poorest families have been fattening for months, is a Christmas Eve ritual. At Easter, it's the turn of the lamb. As in pagan days, there is still a direct, personal relationship between the feast and the killings that made it possible — a link lost in the towns by virtue of the institution of the butcher.

There are many other pagan reminders, too, in a Greek village Christmas. For example, in many households, libations of oil or wine, or both, are poured in the form of a cross; except for the cross, it is exactly the same as the ancients used to do in honor of Zeus and the other residents of Olympos. Other survivals can be seen in the many and varied ways — most of them involving fire or water — of "taking the omens" at Christmas . . . though obviously at the new year.

A crabby old lady, sitting immediately behind the bus driver, kept plying him with questions. Finally, she jabbed him with her umbrella and asked, "Is that my 63rd Street stop?"

"No," he replied, "that is my rear end!"

Looking Down On History?

Rome

There's a plan afoot to pave Rome's swankiest shopping street with glass.

If it worked, tourists in Via Frattina could stare down into the ruins of one of the most lavish villas any Roman ever built with the wealth of conquests.

Archaeologists believe that beneath the street is the villa of that bon vivant Lucius Licinius Lucullus, the general who conquered Armenia and governed part of Asia in the 1st century B.C.

All ruins beneath the street would be uncovered and restored. Then it would be paved with glass.

It would hold only pedestrians. The store owners contend you can't look down on history — or do any shopping — from an automobile.

But, Operator, We Own It!

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Brightly-decorated streets and store windows are tempting distractions to drivers. Motorists and pedestrians may also be looking at these same sights and may not see your vehicle. So, be alert—watch the road at all times—avoid accidents.

These final weeks of the year are holiday weeks. But not for Death on the Highway. Death never works harder than during these dark days of late December. And highway disaster is never more heartbreaking than against a background of Christmas chimes and carols. If you drink, don't drive. If you drive, don't drink. Let's keep Death out of the holiday picture this year.

While wishing you a happy and a joyous holiday season, we urge you to drive carefully, courteously, cautiously, soberly now and throughout the New Year to come. The 1967 holidays are going to be more fun IF you are around to enjoy them.

The dangers of hurry, drink, fatigue and inattention cannot be overemphasized, especially during this holiday season. Fatigue can be fatal at the wheel. When you begin to feel drowsy, stop—and don't continue until you're wide awake. Driving demands your full attention.

Last year during the month of December 103 persons lost their lives on Massachusetts highways . . . 19 more than the previous December. The toll of human life has been the worst in our history so far this year. Only the cooperation of drivers and pedestrians can curb the mounting toll . . . drive and walk using common sense, courtesy, and consideration for other highway users.

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